

REMARKS

Paragraph [0001] of the specification has been amended to clarify the priority claim. No new matter has been added by the amendment.

In the Advisory Action dated October 19, 2004, the Examiner indicated that the response to the Final Office Action dated May 14, 2004, faxed July 14, 2004 ("Response") would not be entered because the amendments therein raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search and are not deemed to place the Application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal. Specifically, the Examiner cited amended claim 19 and new claims 68 and 69 as requiring new consideration in the form of a new ground of rejection, therefore raising new issues. In response, the Applicants are requesting continued examination. Please enter and reconsider the Response with this RCE.

A supplemental information disclosure statement (SIDS) was filed November 18, 2003. An initialed copy of the PTO-1449 was not included with the Office Action dated December 11, 2003. This SIDS is not listed on the electronic transaction history of the patent application nor is it listed in the image file wrapper. Applicants are resubmitting the SIDS along with proof of receipt by the PTO with this RCE.

Applicants would also like to remind the Examiner of the SIDS filed on July 1, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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